

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph before the "Background and Summary of the Invention" that was inserted per the previous Preliminary Amendment dated February 3, 1999, and insert the following paragraph therefor:

~~CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS~~  
This application is a continuation-in-part of Applicants' Co-Pending patent application, Serial No. 038,329, which was filed on May 3, 1995 and issued as Design Patent D376,183, entitled "LACROSSE HEAD."

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has vacated the Notice of Allowance mailed 6/22/99. The Examiner also objected to Applicants' priority statement as not containing a specific reference to the prior application. Further, the Examiner objected to the reissue application declaration as defective for failing to point out the type of priority that was claimed. Moreover, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1 through 57 based on co-pending Application No. 09/123,925 under statutory type double patenting.

**Notice of Allowance:**

Regarding the Notice of Allowance, the Applicants had not yet paid the Notice of Allowance in this case.

**Priority Claim:**

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have cured the Examiner's objection to Applicants' previous priority claim.

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